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LOG OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

SUBJECT: Switches for Hand Held Hair Dryers

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LOCATION: Conference call was made to Association of Home Appliance
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SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CALL:

A working group (WG) was established at the UL Standards Technical Panel (STP) meeting on October 4-5, 2001 to assess the adequacy of test requirements in addressing slide switch failures in hand held hair dryers. This was a teleconference of the WG. Switch failures appear to be caused by carbon tracking, or arc tracking. The applicable standard for these switches in UL 1054, Special-Use switches. The WG plans to propose to the STP that higher performance requirements for switches be specified (such as higher arc track resistance, higher flammability index, and comparative tracking index.)

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